

Appendix Table 7-22
Public confidence in science leaders, by respondent characteristic: 2014

(Percent)

Year (number)	Great deal of confidence	Only some confidence	Hardly any confidence	Don't know
All adults (<i>n</i> = 2,130)	41	49	7	3
Sex				
Male (<i>n</i> = 951)	45	46	7	2
Female (<i>n</i> = 1,179)	37	51	8	4
Formal education				
< High school (<i>n</i> = 246)	28	49	14	9
High school diploma (<i>n</i> = 632)	33	52	11	5
Some college (<i>n</i> = 607)	39	54	6	2
Bachelor's degree (<i>n</i> = 406)	55	40	4	1
Graduate/professional degree (<i>n</i> = 239)	57	39	3	1
Science/mathematics education ^a				
Low (<i>n</i> = 1,205)	33	53	9	4
Middle (<i>n</i> = 392)	47	48	4	2
High (<i>n</i> = 435)	59	37	5	*
Family income (quartile) ^b				
Bottom (<i>n</i> = 532)	33	52	12	4
Third (<i>n</i> = 440)	39	52	6	3
Second (<i>n</i> = 512)	39	52	7	3
Top (<i>n</i> = 480)	50	44	4	2
Age (years) ^b				
18–24 (<i>n</i> = 103)	45	44	10	2
25–34 (<i>n</i> = 382)	49	44	4	2
35–44 (<i>n</i> = 381)	38	51	8	3
45–54 (<i>n</i> = 376)	38	52	8	3
55–64 (<i>n</i> = 429)	40	49	6	4
≥ 65 (<i>n</i> = 441)	37	48	10	5
Trend factual knowledge of science scale (quartile) ^c				
Bottom (<i>n</i> = 349)	30	51	11	8



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Third (<i>n</i> = 588)		33	53	10	4
Second (<i>n</i> = 596)		39	54	6	2
Top (<i>n</i> = 597)		57	38	5	1
NOTE:	^a Low = ≤ 5 high school and college science/mathematics courses; middle = 6–8 courses; high = ≥ 9 courses. Categories do not add to total <i>n</i> because "don't know" responses and refusals to respond are not shown.				
	^b Categories do not add to total <i>n</i> because "don't know" responses and refusals to respond are not shown.				
	^c See notes to appendix table 7-2 for an explanation of the trend factual knowledge of science scale.				
	Data represent respondents expressing “great deal of confidence” when asked <i>As far as the people running these institutions are concerned, would you say that you have a great deal of confidence, only some confidence, or hardly any confidence at all in them?</i>				
SOURCE:	University of Chicago, National Opinion Research Center, General Social Survey (2014). <i>Science and Engineering Indicators 2016</i>				